OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 7, 1961

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM C. MOTT
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, U.S. NAVY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER)

Admiral Mott called me today. I have met him in connection with lecture assignments and he has been quite friendly. He informed me that he had a matter of grave concern to him which he wanted to discuss with me confidentially.

Admiral Mott then went on to say that the entire speaking program of the Navy on the subject of communism is under heavy fire. He mentioned the Admiral Arleigh Burke incident where the Administration wanted changes made in Burke's talk. He went on to tell me that some speakers for the Navy on communism have been making incorrect, exaggerated, and unwise statements around the country. As a result of this, the Navy is being severely criticized. He told me that "several senators" have indicated that they would initiate an investigation of the Navy's speaking program on the subject of communism.

Admiral Mott told me that a Navy speaker in the Southwest is in serious trouble because he created the impression that Chet Huntley, news commentator, was procommunist. He fears a libel suit may develop. Another Navy speaker in North Carolina made exaggerated statements concerning communism and he, too, has been challenged. Admiral Mott asked me if I would be so kind as to look over the speech that this Navy representative gave in North Carolina. He said I would not, of course, be quoted or involved in any way. He merely wanted me to see the speech which caused the trouble. I told him to send it over and I would read it.

Quite clearly, this is handwriting on the wall for the FBI. One reason why the FBI has always maintained a great reputation is that it thinks in the future, identifies developing trends, and anticipates situations which must be met with good judgment. In view of the above, it would seem to me that this is the time to very, very carefully consider the Bureau's speaking program on the subject of communism. We should be extra careful about the type of invitation we accept. Certainly every Bureau speaker on the subject of communism should lean over

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
1 - Section Tickler
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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backwards to be absolutely factual and to issue only those statements which can be proven to be true. I understand that in my absence from the city the Director has written on a memorandum that there must not be any exaggerated statements on the subject of communism. Certainly, this is a warning which every Bureau speaker on communism should keep foremost in his mind. Additionally, I believe the Bureau should lean over backwards in order to not become identified with any program on which appears these rabid, ill-informed anticommunist speakers like Dr. Fred Schwarz and others. I have long been declining invitations where these men appear on programs. Further, it would seem to me we should be extremely careful not to become identified with any of the fanatical right-wing anticommunists and their utterly absurd viewpoints.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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I certainly agree with Sullivan 2/9

Sullivan is absolutely correct.

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: December 11, 1961

FROM : R. O. L'ALLIER

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C
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Enclosed memorandum Edwards to Malone, dated 12/6/61 entitled "INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM MOTT, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE NAVY" reflects information from Admiral Mott to the effect that Navy had just been embarrassed to learn that there is a female employee of a photography company under contract to Navy who is taking photographs of Annapolis Midshipmen and that this female employee is allegedly a Communist Party (CP) member. Mott did not have the woman's name but advised the matter was being handled at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI).

On 12/7/61 contact with Commander [redacted] ONI, revealed subject is woman referred to and that we furnished reports covering her activities as a CP member to ONI 11/7/61, after developing information that she works as a photographer for a New York City firm taking photographs of Senior Class members at the United States Naval Academy. [redacted] is on the Security Index. b6 b7C

Commander [redacted] said that Naval Academy officials were quite concerned about the matter although [redacted] actually has no access to classified material and is merely engaged in making photographs of the Midshipmen for the Academy Yearbook. [redacted] asked if action by the Navy such as denying [redacted] access to the Academy would interfere with anything the Bureau is pursuing regarding her.

On 12/8/61, after checking files and discussion of the matter, [redacted] was advised that we have furnished all information available thus far to the Navy; that we do not contemplate receiving any further reports in the immediate future, but will furnish Navy any further data received concerning [redacted] that such action b6 b7C

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1-Mr. Belmont
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1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Malone
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TO : MR. MALONE

DATE: December 6, 1961

FROM : MR. H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM MOTT, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE NAVY

At 3:30 PM today Admiral Mott (known to me through American Bar Association activities) telephoned me. He said he was very embarrassed because he had just discovered that there is a female employee of a photography company who has been under contract to the Navy for the purpose of taking photographs of all the Annapolis Midshipmen, and Admiral Mott discovered today that she is allegedly a member of the Communist Party. He said the Navy security officers brought the matter to him, wanting to know what to do. He said he told them to take the matter up with the Office of Naval Intelligence and he said that Deputy Director Harold Bowen would be handling it. He said that undoubtedly the Office of Naval Intelligence would be consulting the Bureau on this matter.

I asked Admiral Mott the name of the subject and the photography company. He said he didn't have this information at hand but that the Office of Naval Intelligence would have it. He said that he started to get the details and then figured he might as well just refer them to the Office of Naval Intelligence. He said the surname of the subject was something like [redacted] b6 b7C

I asked Admiral Mott if there had been any sort of a check of this subject and the company and he said that he doubted it. I asked him how they discovered that she was a Communist Party member and he said that someone from the FBI was apparently checking up on her and inquired of the Navy as to where she was located. He said there was also a little bit of suspicion because she seemed to be currying favor with some of the Midshipmen and laying the groundwork for an invitation to them to visit her in New York.

Admiral Mott's only purpose was to alert the Bureau in case the Bureau would be consulted by the Office of Naval Intelligence.

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I telephoned this information to Mr. Sizoo in the absence of Mr. Sullivan.

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None. . . . informational.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attention: Mr. Sizoo)

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Commander David I. Belisle, USNR
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

Dear Commander Belisle:

I have received your cordial letter of December 14, 1961, regarding Mr. Condon's lecture to the officers of the Communist Conspiracy class of the Naval Intelligence Reserve on December 5, 1961.

It was most considerate of you to write me concerning this, and I was pleased to learn that his remarks were so favorabl received. You may be assured that we were happy to extend ou cooperation, and we want you to know of our sincere appreciatio your generous comments.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Assistant Director William C. Sullivan - Enclosure
Attention: SA Joseph F. Condon

NOTE: SA Joseph F. Condon, EOD 1-20-47 as SA, assigned Domestic Intelligence Division in GS 14, was designated to make this address in Belmont to Tolson memo 11-6-61. Note correct spelling of SA Condon's name. Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature identifiable with Belisle with whom we have had prior limited cordial correspondence, last outgoing 12-8-58.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Callahan
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Navy Dept

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Joseph Conrad of your Bureau delivered a lecture to the officers of the Communist Conspiracy class of the Naval Intelligence Reserve at the Naval Weapons Plant on 5 December 1961.

Mr. Conrad's lecture was without a doubt, the highlight of our class presentations. Numerous glowing comments were made concerning his knowledge of the subject matter and the most interesting and thorough manner of his presentation.

Mr. Conrad's performance reflects creditably on you and your Bureau and bespeaks highly of the excellent calibre of your personnel.

Very respectfully,

David I. Belisle
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Commander, USNR

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